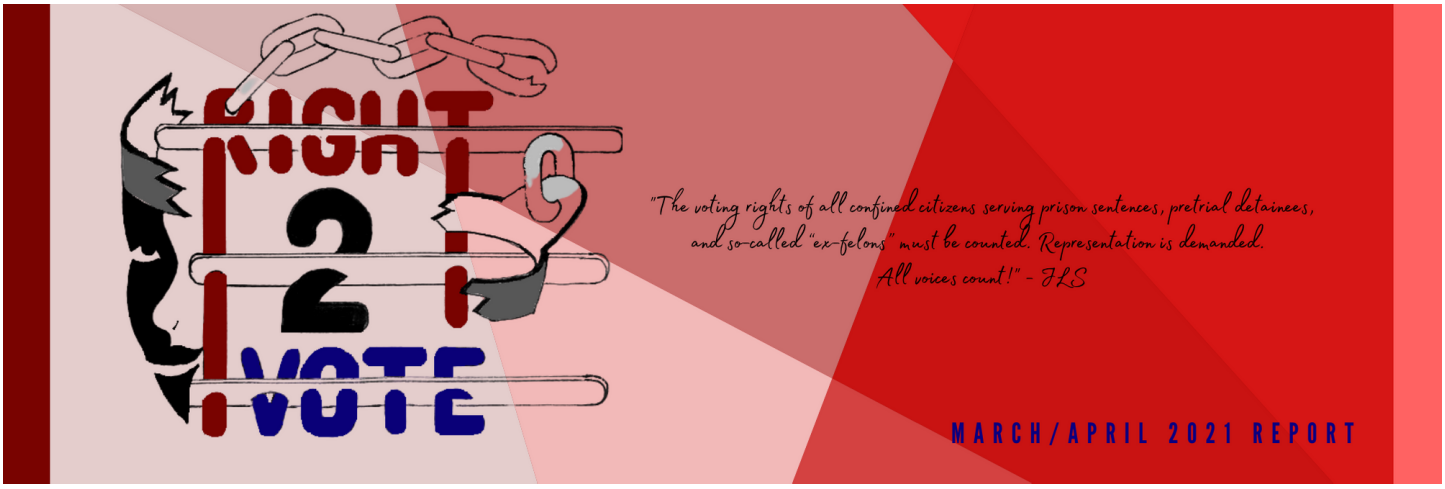

Brothers and Sisters!

We're finally in the second quarter of 2021. What are you taking with you from the first? What are you leaving behind? Changing? Upgrading? We all have control over the majority of aspects of our lives, whether we realize it or not, the state of mind we choose when we wake up lays the foundation for the rest of the waking hours.

I'm determined to wake up in control of the most important aspect of my life, my mind. It can be difficult when our environments are chaotic, noisy, unproductive or even dangerous, but the conditions of one's enviornment aren't permanment. My environment has changed quite substancially over the past three years of the Right2Vote Reports existance. I began this advocacy work while living in the lush green waterfronts of the Pacific Northwest. I was living in a college student residential hall while launching SawariMedia. After moving to Michigan while working on the statewide Good Time Campaign I was living out of my mother's basement. None of these environments were ideal for protesting, stifiling through mail, fundraising or signature counting but our ancestral gift is to make it work.

We fundraise in our pajamas, start businesses in our bedrooms and run entire warehouses in our basements as if it's natural. I got so used to tightwire activism that I forgot what it felt like to be fully supported, funded and well rested going into my work.

Going into this second quarter of the year I refuse to neglect the exercise of my authority over self-controlable conditions in my life: when I work, who I communicate with, how I rest and what I consume. I beg my readers to identify the self-controlable conditions in your own life, commit to regular practices in those areas and refuse to dissappoint yourself, at the very least, because dissappointment chases us in this struggle.

Within this issue I've included updated information about economic impact payments as well as some calls to action from JLS around the upcoming period of resistance later this fall.

In Solidarity,
Amani Sawari

Note New Return Address

STIMULUS (EIP) PAYMENT SUPPORT

The Community WI P.O. Box 100392 Milwaukee, WI 53210, thecommunitywis@gmail.com, www.thecommunitynow.us.
Fighting the Fight for Offenders and Families P.O. Box 191 Sabina, Ohio 45169
Lieff Cabraser, at 415-956-1000: Applicant Assistants on the outside can call the law firm handling the court case
Root & Rebound, at 510-279-4662: Incarcerated people can call this number collect with questions
Network Federal Defense Hotline, at 212-679-2811 to report incidents of federal repression and other federal law enforcement efforts to under- mine civil rights

REBATE NOTICE!!

Every incarcerated citizen is entitled to recive stimulus support in the form of an economic impact payment. Unfortunatly access to these payments required an application (1040-2019 form) to be filed prior to a 2020 deadline. There are many people who were unable to meet that deadline, as well as others who have yet to recieve their payment even after submitting their 1040-2019 form in a timely manner. If you did not recieve payment you can still get a tax rebate (a stimulus check after the deadline) by submitting a 1040-2020 form. The form is reletively simple for those who have no income to report. After filling out the 1 page form, mail it to the IRS office. There are multiple IRS offices all over the country, but don't worry if you think you mailed your form to the wrong office, applications mailed to any office are rerouted to the correct local office and processed accouringly. Sending your application (this year or last year) to an IRS other than your local office may cause a delay but it will not completely keep you from recieving an eventual payment. Remember, delay is not denial!
Printed forms can be mailed to:

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Ogden, UT 84201-0002
OR
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Kansas City, MO 64999-0002

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Newest Restrictions on Solitary May Elevate Reformist Minds to Abolition

by Amani Sawari I March 29, 2021 I sawarimi.org

Solitary: Administrative segregation (ad-seg), suicide watch, the hole or even quarantine are all forms of solitary confinement that cages a person to a single room cell with no access to their personal belongings, nourishing meals or human contact for an inexact period of time. Reasons for being put into solitary range from behavioral to psychological and even health concerns. The individual in this condition would only have the ability to choose whether to go out for fresh air, make a phone call, or take a shower during one, heavily regulated, hour window. The answer to the question around the validity of using solitary confinement as a tool for control is one that directly reflects a society's preparedness for abolition.

The existence of both prison and solitary have inched into the position of a necessary evil from the perspective of the privileged the masses. However, as advocates continue to call the use of solitary into question: criticizing the reasoning for one's punishment, length of time confined or the condition of one's confinement (lack of sunlight, windows, reading or writing material); continually exposes it's monstrosity.

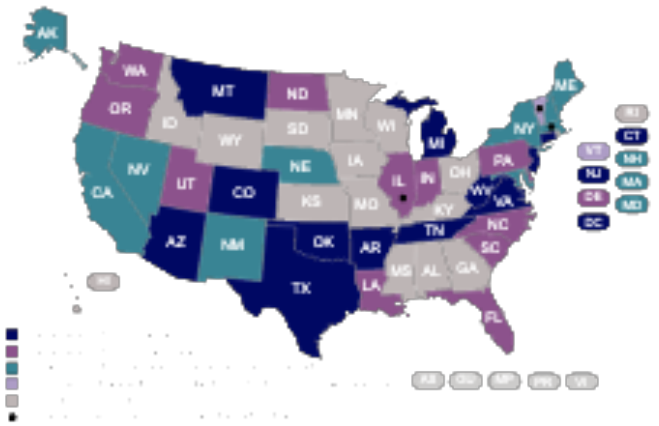
Promoting individual policy changes that restrict the use of solitary is a reformist approach, while the complete dismantlement of the conditions that maintain the practice of solitary confinement is an abolitionist stance. While many reformist shudder at the thought of abolishing prison entirely, many reformist positions are embraced by abolitionists as one step toward a more rewarding end goal. A recent example of this can be seen in the recent passage of New York's Humane Alternatives to Long-Term (HALT) Solitary Confinement Act.

HALT restricts the use of solitary confinement in the state of New York to 15 days. Similarly, in 2019 New Jersey lawmakers were able to push through legislation that limits one's time in solitary confinement to 20 consecutive days. That same year Minnesota cut that number in half, with a 10 day restriction on the use of solitary confinement in response to a prisoner's refusal to provide labor. In Montana, laws completely bar the use of solitary for minors and pregnant woman. Finally, in Massachusetts, the last state to eliminate the voting rights of people in prison, was the first of these states to pass legislation in 2018 to reform the use of the cruel form of punishment by requiring a prisoner's status in the hole to be reviewed every 90 days and limited restrictions on visitation and phone rights to 15 days. In all of these recent reforms we see two questions being (haphazardly) answered: Who deserves solitary tary confinement? And How long is too long to spend in the hole?

The United Nations has determined that, “Indefinite and prolonged solitary confinement in excess of 15 days should also be subject to an absolute prohibition”. The passage of this bill suggests that the most reliable form of discipline used by corrections departments to deter and divide within their facilities is grossly inhumane, but I beg reformists who feel settled in this political 'win' to ask the more significant question: What else is inhumane (enough) about prison practices to fight against? Some suggestions include: The lack of familial connection, restrictions on outside communication, inedible foods, overcrowding, dilapidated living conditions and every single thing.

If we critic the grossly inhumane practices that compile into prison operations in every state across this country and limit the solution to being introduced in the legislature, we'll come to find an infinite pattern of criminal justice reform bills to promote for decades to come, but is that a realistic path of action? Even with the current policies in place, corrections facilities aren't being held accountable. Although being pregnant or a minor elevates ones rights substantially, being a person in prison leaves the interpretation of one's rights under the authority of prison officials who prioritize cost cutting and increased profit margins over any concern of the people confined to their facilities.

Oftentimes the passage of bills like the HALT Solitary Confinement Act are glorified as huge victories, but it should be perceived within the confines of an enormous battle to transform the entire legal system. Our celebration in this moment, whether reformists or abolitionists, unite us all as prisoner human rights advocates. However, the ongoing need for these types of band-aid reform bills will continue to push advocate

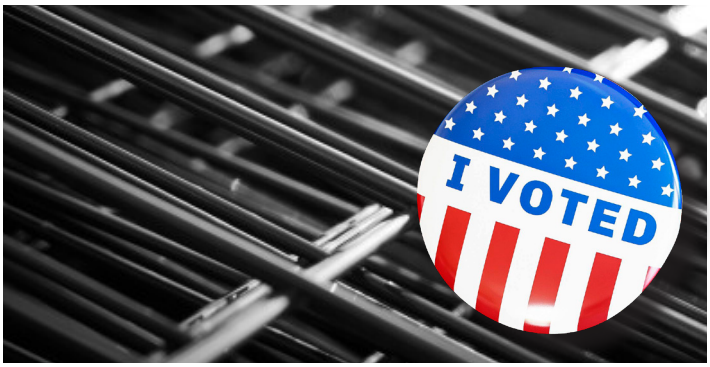


States that Limit or Prohibit Juvenile Shackling and Solitary Confinement according to the National Conference of State Legislators. Find the full piece online at: https://www.ncsl.org/research/civil-and-criminal-justice

ISSUEVOTER

IssueVoter is working with **Right2Vote** to highlight two pieces of outstanding legislation in Congress and we encourage you to send your opinion on any or all of these to your representative. You may write to your representative and let them know which issues you care about and how you would like them to vote on these bills. Every constituent contact is counted by each representative's staff, no matter whether it is received by mail or phone. ***Please make your voice heard!***

Should Congress allow formerly incarcerated individuals the right to vote?



A bill to secure the Federal voting rights of persons when released from incarceration (S. 481)

This bill would ensure and protect the right of formerly incarcerated individuals to vote in federal elections. It reiterates that everyone has the right to vote unless they are currently incarcerated or serving felony sentences at the time of a federal election. The bill states that disenfranchising citizens with criminal convictions who live and work in the community hinder their rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

Sponsor: Sen. Ben Cardin (Democrat, MD)

Opponents say...

"Voting is a privilege; a privilege properly exercised at the voting booth, not from a prison cell. States have a significant interest in reserving the vote for those who have abided by the social contract that forms the foundation of a representative democracy. We are talking about rapists, murderers, robbers, and even terrorists or spies. Do we want to see convicted terrorists who seek to destroy this country voting in elections? Do we want to see convicted spies who cause great damage to this country voting in elections? Do we want to see "jailhouse blocs"' banding together to oust sheriffs and government officials who are tough on crime? Those who break our laws should not have a voice in electing those who make and enforce our laws. Those who break our laws should not dilute the vote of law-abiding citizens.

- Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (Republican, KY)

Proponents say...

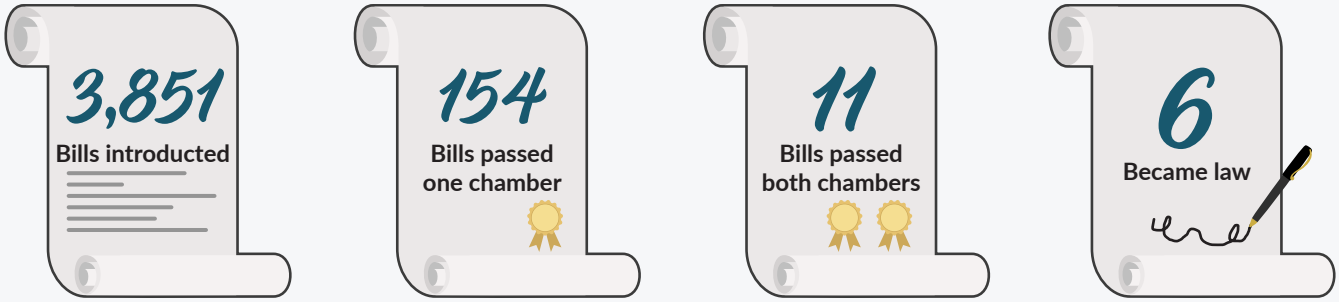
"Voting is a fundamental right of citizenship and, under our Constitution, there is no legitimate justification for denying people who have paid their dues from having a voice in our democracy. The United States is one of the few Western democracies that allows the permanent denial of voting rights for individuals with criminal convictions. This must end if we truly want to reintegrate ex-offenders as productive members of our communities."

- Senator Ben Cardin (Democrat, MD)

"I think we should start by restoring the right to vote for everyone who is formerly incarcerated. Once someone pays their debt to society, they're expected to pay taxes, expected to abide by the law, they're expected to support themselves and their families, I think that means they've got a right to vote."

- Senator Elizabeth Warren (Democrat, MA)

What Has Congress Done So Far in 2021?



Top Issues in Congress

Of the 3,851 bills introduced, Health is the #1 issue with 302 bills, followed by Government Operations & Politics (217 bills) and third is Congress (214 bills).

Bills passed and signed into law:

H.R. 1799 - PPP Extension Act
H.R. 1651 - COVID-19 Bankruptcy Relief Extension Act
H.R. 1319 - American Rescue Plan Act
H.R.1276 - SAVE LIVES Act
H.R. 335 - To provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.
S. 579 - A bill to make a technical correction to the ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2019

The 117th Session of Congress

We encourage you to write to your state's Senators! You may do so by addressing the letter to:
The Honorable _____
U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20515

Alabama
Richard Shelby - Republican
Tommy Tuberville - Republican

Alaska
Lisa Murkowski - Republican
Dan Sullivan - Republican

Arizona
Kyrsten Sinema - Democrat
Mark Kelly - Democrat

Arkansas
John Boozman - Republican
Tom Cotton - Republican

California
Dianne Feinstein - Democrat
Alex Padilla - Democrat

Colorado
Michael Bennet - Democrat
John Hickenlooper - Democrat

Connecticut
Richard Blumenthal - Democrat
Christopher Murphy - Democrat

Delaware
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Florida
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Georgia
Raphael Warnock - Democrat
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Hawaii
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Idaho
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James Risch - Republican

Indiana
Tood Young - Republican
Mike Braun - Republican

Iowa
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Joni Ernst - Republican

Kansas
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Roger Marshall - Republican

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Rand Paul - Republican

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Bill Cassidy - Republican

Maine
Susan Collins - Republican
Angus King Jr. - Independent

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Martin Heinrich - Democrat

New York
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Kirsten Gillibrad - Democrat

North Carolina
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Thom Tillis - Republican

North Dakota
John Hoeven - Republican
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Ohio
Rob Portman - Republican
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James Lankford - Republican
James Inhofe - Republican

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Ron Wyden - Democrat
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Patrick Toomey - Republican
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Richard Dubin - Democrat

Montana
Steve Daines - Republican
Jon Tester - Democrat

Rhode Island
Jack Reed - Democrat
Sheldon Whitehouse - Democrat

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Lindsey Graham - Republican
Tim Scott - Republican

Utah
Mike Lee - Republican
Mitt Romney - Republican

West Virginia
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Joe Manchin III - Democrat

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Mike Rounds - Republican

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Patrick Leahy - Democrat
Bernard Sanders - Independent

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Tammy Baldwin - Democrat

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Marsha Blackburn - Republican

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Time Kaine - Democrat

Wyoming
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John Barrasso - Republican

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Ted Cruz - Republican

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Patty Murray - Democrat
Maria Cantwell - Democrat

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JLS Statement

by Jailhouse Lawyers Speak I www.iamweubuntu.com

National Shut'em Down Demonstrations: In the spirit of Abolition on the historical dates of August 21st and September 9th, 2021 organizers must highlight prisoners' historical struggles, and the current political struggles to dismantle the prison industrial slave complex. Jailhouse Lawyers Speak nation membership is calling for mass outside demonstrations.

Specific locations: ICE, jails, prisons, and higher learning institutions. (With regards to higher learning institutions we are pointing towards the learning institutions with connections to prison labor).

A few states may already have specific ongoing campaigns that directly speak to decarceration or closing down a prison or jail. Efforts should be made to network to boost those campaigns on these dates at the recommended locations. With everyone working across the nation on the same days, this would magnify our struggle for humanity and highlight specific state related campaigns. These "Shut'em Down" demonstrations should serve as a wake up call to every person in this nation that the current jailing path does not work and it's time to end it.

In the days leading up to the Shut'em Down demonstrations, we will post locations of planned Abolition demonstrations and endorsements on iamweubuntu.com. If you know you will be holding a "Shut'em Down" demo or would like to be listed as an endorser, email outthemud.jls@protonmail.com
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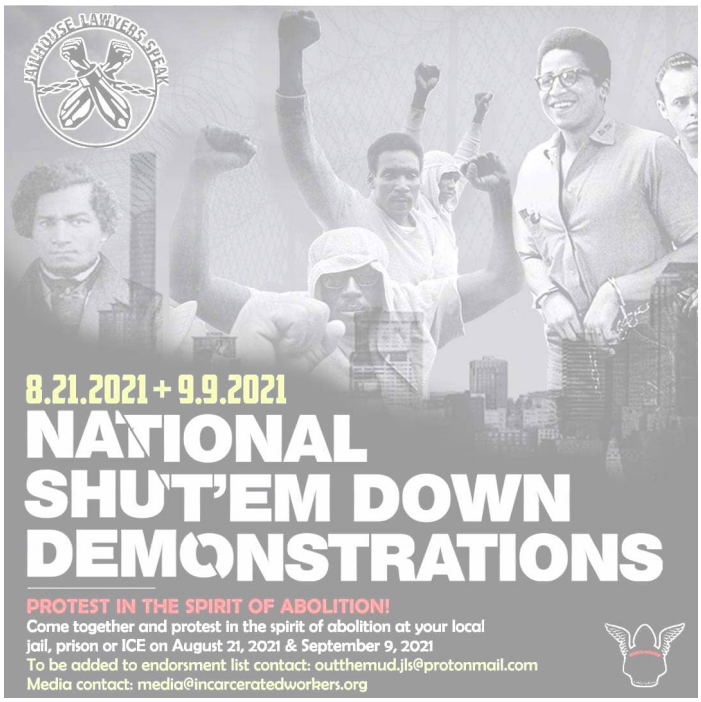

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Stimulus, round 2: Incarcerated people will be eligible for new round of payments

At the end of an otherwise disappointing session of Congress, the inclusion of incarcerated people in the stimulus program is a small ray of hope.
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In the wake of the recently passed stimulus bill, many Americans are complaining about the paltry direct payments of $600. Without detracting from Congress's failure to support the millions of people who need help, it is worth pausing to acknowledge one unexpected victory in the bill: It contains no prohibition on stimulus payments for incarcerated people.

The previous stimulus bill, passed in March, took some people by surprise by not making incarcerated people ineligible for direct cash payments. The IRS made an ill-advised (not to mention unauthorized) attempt to exclude incarcerated people, but this policy was slapped down by the federal courts. As we wrote previously, because Congress did not exclude people in prison or jail, the IRS had no choice but to issue the payments to incarcerated people who otherwise qualified. Others who made this same argument ultimately prevailed in court and incarcerated people began to receive stimulus checks.

In July, when Congress first started to consider a subsequent round of stimulus, the Senate Finance Committee proposed legislative language that would exclude incarcerated people from receiving funds (both going forward and retroactively). The fact that no such language appears in the bill passed in December suggests that this issue was probably the subject of actual negotiation.

It's a good thing that Congress stuck to the policy of including incarcerated people in the pool of eligible recipients. Even before the pandemic, day-to-day life in prison and jail was getting expensive, with commissary charges for basic food and hygiene items, and increasingly common pay-to-play e-book and music programs. But the COVID-19 crisis has brought communications costs (phone, video, and electronic messaging) into sharp contrast. In the many facilities that have suspended in-person visits, phone and video are now essential services (which come with a price tag). When incarcerated people lack the money needed to pay for basic health and communications items, the financial burden typically falls on their loved ones on the outside who may have to sacrifice basic needs to support family members in prison.

The second round of stimulus payments will help people pay for basic necessities in prison or jail, and perhaps begin saving to cover expenses upon release from custody. At the end of an otherwise disappointing session of Congress, the inclusion of incarcerated people in the stimulus program is a small ray of hope.

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